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ASSESSMENT IS OVER \$30,000,000

Gross Land Assessment Is Twenty-Nine Million and Fifty Thousand Dollars

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Aldermen Late Getting There, But Several Important By-Laws Were Put Through

The total assessment of the city after the sittings of the Court of Revision is \$30,105,110. This is an increase of almost \$2,000,000 over last year's figures.

The report of the city assessor as presented last night is as follows:

Gross land assessment	\$29,052,660
Land exemptions	1,531,660
Net land assessment	\$27,521,000
School tax only	\$2,481,000
Net municipal and schools	\$25,040,000
Business assessment	2,217,070
Income assessment	366,140
Total municipal and schools	27,623,170
Public schools	26,924,455
Separate schools	3,182,655
Total	\$30,105,110

By-Laws Passed

The following by-laws received their final reading last night:

A by-law amending the license by-law.

The by-law containing the agreement with the C. P. R. re the high level bridge.

A by-law defining the powers of the board of commissioners.

A motion was passed asking the city of Strathcona to pay their share towards the high level bridge directly to the C. P. R.

Notice of appeals from the commissioners to the council were received from Justices Scott, Harvey, Beck and Taylor, and the C. P. R. J. T. Collins and J. W. McDonald appealed on appeal assessment. Next Tuesday evening was set as the time for hearing the appeals.

Aldermen Were Late

Punctuality is not one of the virtues of the city council. Last night the council was twenty minutes late in getting started at work, and even then only four aldermen were in their places, besides the commissioners.

The aldermen present when the meeting opened were Armstrong, Mould, Miller and Landry.

A request from S. Lorne for permission to move the present Victoria bridge to the rear and to build a three-story brick structure in front was referred to the commissioners.

Western Canada Confectionery Company sent in a request that they be exempted from taxation for 20 years, a free site, and free light and water for ten years.

The communication stated that the firm employed about 25 people all the year round and had a monthly payroll of about \$800. The matter was referred to the commissioners.

An invitation from the Western Canada Firemen's Association was filed upon Mr. Butcher, stating that Chief Davidson has said he did not wish to attend, but would rather wait and go to the international convention later on.

Subway This Year

Mr. Landry suggested that the C. P. R. be requested to build the Jasper avenue subway this year as it would be a great help in building street railway lines to operate along their property while the subway was in construction.

Mayor Lee said the C. P. R. had once refused to do this, but seeing the high level bridge matter was settled, it might be taken up again. The commissioners were instructed to take the matter up with the C. P. R.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

Winnipeg, June 15.—Wheat prices: No. 1 Northern, 95½; No. 2, 22; No. 3, 8. Barley, 40.

Flour—Wheat, June, 89½; July, 90½; October, 86½. Oats, June, 31½; July, 31½; October, 31. Flax, June, 16½; July, 16½; October, 15½.

IT IS TO LAUGH

Why Is It.

"That a shoelace you could hang a man with will break if you are dressing in haste?"—Chicago Tribune.

TRANSCONTINENTAL'S QUEBEC TERMINAL

Quebec City Council Accepts Offer of Hundred Thousand for Champlain Market

Quebec, Que., June 15.—After two lengthy meetings of the city council it was unanimously decided last night to adopt the report of the civic finance committee, accepting an offer of \$100,000 made by Hon. Mr. Parent of the National Transcontinental for the Champlain market.

BORDEN STILL KEEPS UP HOPE

Time Not Far Distant, Says He, When Conservatives Will Be in Power

Campbellford, Ont., June 15.—The opening meeting of the Ontario tour of R. L. Borden took place here yesterday and the town gave the Conservative leader a hearty welcome. Over 1500 people from all parts of the riding gathered to hear Mr. Borden and Mr. C. J. Doherty, Hon. W. J. Hanna and C. L. Owen, members for the constituency.

The main feature of Mr. Borden's address was his criticism of the business incapacity of the Laurier Government, which has shown itself unable to cope in an intelligent manner with the problems facing the country at the present time.

Mr. Borden expressed confidence that the time was not far distant when the bulk of the Canadian people would again entrust the destinies of Canada to the Conservative party.

WILL INVESTIGATE TELEGRAPH RATES

Special Committee Appointed for that Purpose by the Board of Trade

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon in the board room, and there was probably the smallest attendance this year. President McGeorge drew attention to this at the close of the meeting and deplored the fact that the members were not interested enough to attend. Mr. A. C. Fraser suggested that the meetings hereafter be held at noon and a business men's luncheon be held in conjunction, which suggestion will be acted upon.

The most important business which came up for discussion was the matter concerning telegraph rates. The committee which has had the matter under consideration brought in a report discouraging any action on the part of the board of trade as far as the Winnipeg Board had interested the railway commission in the matter and they were to make an investigation.

Mr. Jennings, on behalf of the press although not desiring to take exception to the report, stated that the board should take action in regard to the press rates and that for them to sit back and await developments would be a serious mistake. On his motion a committee was appointed to prepare data in regard to commercial telegraphy affecting the west including comparisons with eastern Canada and the United States to be presented to the Railway Commission in connection with their investigation.

A communication from Riviere Qui Barre asking that place be contained in the list of towns to be included in the extended Radial system.

Mr. A. C. Fraser supported the contention of the writer stating that the inhabitants of the town were entitled to consideration as they spent quite a lot of money in this city. The matter will be taken up with the company.

Mr. Chas. M. Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated in a letter that when considering the demand of Edmonton for a better mail service he had been between this city and Winnipeg that the question of cost in relation to receipts should not be overlooked.

The Edmonton Produce Company were stating that the C. N. R. and C. P. R. were discriminating against Edmonton in favor of Winnipeg in the way of freight on produce. The matter will be looked into.

MR. McKINNON ON THE CARPET

Building Inspector Told His Department Must Be Made More Efficient

ASSISTANT HAS RESIGNED

Trouble Arose Through Mr. McKinnon's Action in Overruling Orders of His Assistant

Things have been moving rapidly in the building inspector's office during the last day or two. Yesterday afternoon Frank Saunders, assistant building inspector, handed in his resignation to Inspector McKinnon as a protest against having his decision in regard to the concrete that was being used in the construction of some concrete piers in the addition to the Cecil Hotel over-ruled by the inspector. This morning Mr. McKinnon accepted the resignation.

Then shortly after noon today Mr. McKinnon was called before the board of commissioners and was given a long talk on just what the commissioners expect from his department.

"Things have not been going just right in the building inspector's department," said Mr. Bouillon to a Capital reporter this afternoon after the meeting was over, and it has been our intention for over a week past to have a talk with Mr. McKinnon. This affair brought the thing to the front, and so we met him this afternoon.

"We have decided that there must be a decided increase in the efficiency of the department," continued the commissioner. "And we have put it up to the present inspector to decide for himself whether he can give us the required efficiency."

"I am perfectly satisfied that Mr. McKinnon is a perfectly honest man. He does his duty as he sees it. He is a good builder and his integrity is not to be questioned, but a department of inspection needs something more than even this," said Mr. McKinnon today just what we want. He is to present a report to us on Friday telling us how he proposes to go about reorganizing his department. We have left it to him to decide whether he can give us the high standard of efficiency that we require."

Mr. Saunders, when seen by the Capital this morning, stated that he had inspected the concrete work one evening, was not satisfied with it, and so had taken samples of it to Mr. McKinnon.

"We can't let work like that stand," said Mr. McKinnon, and so the next morning Mr. Saunders went to the contractors and ordered the faulty work torn down. Then, according to Mr. Saunders, the inspector went and saw the work, and said that some of the piers left standing were all right, and that they need not be pulled down.

Thereupon the contractors put in a claim against the department for tearing the work. This reached the ears of Commissioner Bouillon, and so last Saturday afternoon he took the other commissioners down to the Cecil Hotel, and samples of the alleged concrete were brought back.

"I am satisfied that this sample of concrete does not comply with the by-law," said Commissioner Bouillon to a Capital reporter this morning, "and I cannot say what Mr. McKinnon decided that the piers remaining standing were all right."

NEW INDUSTRY HERE

A new industry has started up in Edmonton, namely, the Alberta Spring and Mattress Company. For the present the firm are occupying temporary quarters at the corner of Ninth and Jasper avenues and are already manufacturing mattresses. A complete equipment of machinery necessary for the manufacture of springs has been ordered, but will not arrive for some time. When it does, it is the intention of the company to occupy more commodious quarters.

It is realized by the backers of the enterprise that Edmonton has splendid facilities for such an industry, for a quick success can be obtained to neighboring markets, such being the reason for their locating in this city.

Marriage Licenses issued. Jackson Bros., Jewellers.

SURVEY BOAT HAS STARTED TO WORK

"La Fleur" Left Walter's Wharf This Morning on Trip Down Saskatchewan

A survey party, in charge of Mr. Z. Malhot, resident engineer for the Dominion government, left Walter's wharf this morning, to make a long trip down stream in the government boat, "La Fleur," with the purpose of ascertaining the cost of making the Saskatchewan navigable for all classes of craft. The engines used in the boat are made by Messrs. Meitz & Weiss, and Mr. Alfred Sorenson, a representative of that company, will accompany the party as far as Prince Albert to look after the engines which are petrol ones. Capt. Reid of Winnipeg is in charge of the boat, which has been altered a good deal since its last trip.

"GRAND COUNTRY," SAYS A. L. BRICK

Strathcona Man Returns From Two Months' Trip in Peace River Country

FIRES ARE BAD FEATURE

Mr. Brick Criticizes the Government for Not Getting Fire Rangers Out Earlier

A two-months trip through the Peace River country has just been the experience of Mr. A. L. Brick of Strathcona. Mr. Brick left town on the 22nd of April to visit his partner at Fort Vermilion where they jointly own, and have under crop, 400 acres of wheat.

Mr. Brick in an interview with a Capital reporter this morning said that the country was "all it is painted to be—and more."

"It is a grand country," he said, "with a growth of vegetation greatly exceeding the growth in this country, and the reason of this is the tremendous length of sunshine, which lasts from before 3 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, combined with the rainfall, which always seems to come at the right moment. This is especially noticeable in the Peace River Valley, where the sun shining on the slopes makes it a regular hothouse."

On his way out he met hundreds of settlers going into the country in all kinds of conveyances—some on horseback, some in wagons, even a man with a pair of little black cows drawing in his settlers' effects.

One very bad feature of the country, he said, was the fires. In his way from Athabasca Landing to the Slave Lake, he was travelling in smoke from the forest fires almost all the time.

"It is a great shame," he said, "the way the country is being burnt up. The government do not appoint fire rangers until May 1st, whereas for instance this year, the fires started earlier and there was no one to look after them. In the middle of April the country was as dry as a bone, and fires likely to start at any moment."

Special praise he said ought to be given to Capt. Andrews of the R. N. W. M. P. at Peace River Crossing who was out for ten whole days at a stretch and what is more, made the whole settlement turn out to help him fight the fires, and was able to save a considerable amount of property.

Came, said Mr. Brick, was plentiful in the country. While on his trip he saw signs of plenty of bear, moose and beaver. Since the restrictions on trapping have been they have become much more plentiful.

In conclusion he said that the steamboat "Peace River," running on the Peace River, was an excellent boat. The accommodation was splendid; the food well cooked and well served; and the crew a boat as one would wish for.

WORKINGMAN KILLED

Victoria, B. C., June 15.—W. McGuire, laborer, aged 40, was killed by the collapse of a steam pipe while installing a heating plant in the new Pemberton block yesterday.

Sterling Silver Tableware. Ash Bros., Jewellers.

RAIN WAS WORTH MANY THOUSANDS

All Apprehension Caused by Continued Dry Spell Has Been Removed

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Authority Says Conditions Were Never Better in Alberta Than at Present

Calgary, Alta., June 15.—"Though only a sprinkle of rain fell in Calgary last night yet the fall was very heavy elsewhere and was worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers," said an official of the Alberta-Pacific Elevator Company this morning. As has been the rule all summer the rain staidestepped Calgary and in the immediate vicinity of the city the moisture is consequently badly needed, but this district is small as compared with that which was benefited by last night's precipitation.

Advices received show that Carbon, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer and many other places were visited by rain sufficient to soak the ground thoroughly and to remove any apprehension that the crop was going to be dried up.

"In both northern and southern Alberta crops never looked better despite what the croakers say and I am perfectly satisfied with the conditions," said the elevator official whose special business it is to investigate crop conditions and to keep his company accurately informed regarding them.

"I travelled over 100 miles through the Carbon district yesterday," he added, "and found conditions there most satisfactory. Reports I have received from other places indicate that Alberta has absolutely no reason to fear that there will be less than an average crop and the chances are that the crop will be above the average."

"Spring wheat is well above ground, although it is not as far advanced as it was this time last year when it was six or eight inches in height. Last night's splendid rain will help it along."

"The fall wheat is 16 to 18 inches high and its condition is better than the average man thinks. Dry weather last month held it back some but the necessary moisture has come and no fears need be entertained concerning it."

The outlook is very promising. It was never better in Alberta at this time of the year. Barley seeding is completed and more than half of it is up. A large percentage of winter wheat was killed in Alberta and 20 per cent. of the land has been reserved in flax, 40 per cent. in spring wheat and 40 per cent. in oats. It is estimated that acreage in flax is 10,000 acres more than last year."

TORIES ACTIVE IN VERMILION

Edmonton Men Will Do the Fighting for John G. Clark's Candidate

Vermilion, June 15.—The nomination by the Conservatives of John G. Clark, of Irma, as the opponent of Premier Sifton in the coming bye-election in the Vermilion riding is causing some activity in the Conservative ranks here. The matter of supplying the nucleus of a well ordered campaign is evidently wholly in the hands of the central committee of the Conservative party at Edmonton.

A series of meetings will likely be held by some leading Conservatives of Edmonton. The Conservatives from Edmonton likely to be present are Messrs. C. C. MacLach, H. A. Macle, J. D. Henderson and some of the younger members of the organization.

MONTE ATTELL WON

Baltimore, June 15.—In a 15-round fight before the International Athletic Club, Monte Atteill of Canada defeated Young Britt of this city.

Correct English

Mrs. Subshub (who has hired a man to plant shade trees)—"Digging out holes, I see Mr. Lannigan."

"Lannigan"—"No, mum. O'm diggin' out the dirt and lavin' the holes."—Boston Transcript.

Marriage Licenses issued. Jackson Bros., Jewellers.

LOOKING FOR WILL IN MAN'S COFFIN

Remains Will Be Exhumed to Find Document Disposing of Thirty Dollars

Kingston, Ont., June 15.—The remains of the late Joseph George, colored, will be exhumed from the Gatawagi Cemetery by order of Judge Price to ascertain if his will is in the coffin. It was made four years ago, disposing of \$30, but so far it cannot be discovered. His widow, a white woman, says she knows nothing of such a document.

REV. MR. LEWIS IS ASKED TO REMAIN

Congregation of Norwood Methodist Church Do Not Want Change in Pastorate

A strong and urgent petition signed by about one hundred members of the Norwood Methodist Church, has been forwarded to the chairman of the Edmonton district, requesting that the Rev. W. A. Lewis be left in charge of the Norwood circuit.

The letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis—We, the undersigned respectfully request that you will continue with us in the work of the Norwood Methodist Church."

We appreciate and value the work done by you both during the past year very highly, and look forward with confidence to still greater success in the coming days as a result of your labors with us."

We pledge our love and active support in the work and do sincerely trust you may seek to remain with us."

HUNG OVER RAPIDS ALMOST AN HOUR

Man Tried to Cross the Niagara Gorge Hanging by His Teeth

Niagara Falls, June 15.—At the height of the Carnival Day festivities at noon yesterday an unknown man jumped into the river from Luna Island and before the eyes of thousands of people and was swept in a twinkling over the brink of Luna Falls which never gives up its dead. Almost within arm's length was a bridge from Detroit, who described the incident as a man of 50 years, 300 pounds in weight, dark complexion, close cropped black moustache, wearing dark clothes. An attempt made to rescue the body at the Cave of the Winds failed.

Niagara's first international carnival nearly came to a sad end early last night when Owen Williams, a local steepkicker, who essayed a trip across the Gorge on a wire, hung at the base of the cataract, sustaining his weight by his teeth, came to a stop when about the middle of the river and hung 45 minutes until rescued by the Maid of the Mist. Williams' apparatus began to back soon after he left the American shore and when it struck up grade to the Canadian side, he came to a stop and then swung back to the middle of the river, which cleared the river by 125 feet. The fireman from this city raised a pulley with a rope and sent it out for him. Hand over hand he made his way back to the deck of the Maid of the Mist, which had taken up a position below him.

NEW REAL ESTATE OFFICE

F. C. Lowes and company, one of the oldest and most successful real estate houses of Calgary, have come to realize the importance of Edmonton as the centre of the province and are to open a branch office here on Jasper avenue, near Howard street. The firm will be ready for business in a short time.

PAPKE BEAT GOODELL

Kansas City, June 15.—Billy Papke last night knocked out Goodell in the second round of what was to have been a ten-round fight.

The best shirts from the best makers at Kelly and Moore's.

MR. SIFTON WILL GO CAMPAIGNING

Premier Will Hold a Series of Meetings Throughout Vermilion Constituency

ROYAL WARRANTS ISSUED

All Government Accounts up to First of June Were Paid That Way

Premier Sifton announced this morning that he will go to Vermilion during the coming campaign and will take an active part in the fight. He has not yet decided when he will leave for the riding, but it will be some time next week in all probability. Hon. Duncan Marshall will accompany the Premier. Both ministers will speak at a series of meetings at which all Conservatives taking part will be invited to attend.

No date has yet been decided on for the calling of the special session of the legislature, either, but everything points to the end of July as the most probable time when the session will meet.

In this connection the Premier was asked as to whether Royal warrants would be issued to meet the current expenses of the province until the Legislature meets.

"Yes," replied Mr. Sifton. "Have any been issued yet?" asked the reporter.

"Yes," was the reply, "warrants have been issued to pay all accounts up to June 1st."

The reporter then asked Mr. Sifton if the first payment of interest on the A. and G. W. bonds, which is due this month, would be paid by the end of the month, and if so what arrangements would be made for the payment. The Premier however had nothing to announce in this connection.

FIRE IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, June 15.—Several buildings in connection with B. Slattery's slaughtering plant in Ottawa East were destroyed by fire last night. The loss to the building and contents amounted to about \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

THE WEATHER

Forecast—All west some scattered showers or thunderstorms, but mostly fine and warm.

Weather through prairie provinces has been mostly fair and warm. In Manitoba temperatures have been high.

WILL C. P. OFFICIAL SUCCEED McMillan

Montreal Papers Say That Wm. Whyte May Be Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

Montreal, June 15.—The Herald says: The interesting report comes from the west and has gained a wide currency that Mr. William Whyte, the second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific, is likely to be the successor to Sir Daniel McMillan in the cleared-governorship of Manitoba. Associated with him is the rumour of a knighthood for Mr. Whyte.

There can be no doubt as to the popularity of the appointment were it made, for among the prominent men out there Mr. Whyte takes an easy lead in public favor, but the lieutenant-governorship is a goal to which statesmen look forward as a fitting reward for services to the country of a political character.

Mr. Whyte has kept himself aloof from party politics, and hence no doubt, in a measure his all-round popularity.

It is not certain that Mr. Whyte would accept the position if it were offered to him. It may be doubted, too, if he could serve the west in any other capacity better than he is doing now.

If Mr. Whyte has any intention of severing his connection with the C. P. R., it is not known at headquarters.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1910.

THE VERMILION ELECTION

Mr. Sifton is to have opposition in
Vermilion. The Conservative conven-
tion, urged by a number of leading
members of the party from Edmon-
ton, decided to bring out Mr. J. G.
Clark, of Irma. It was evident at the
time the premier was nominated that
there was very little disposition lo-
cally to oppose him. The president
of the Conservative association, Mr.
Thompson, spoke at the Liberal gather-
ing at Vermilion, expressing the
hope that there would be an election
by acclamation. But the central or-
ganization has decided otherwise.
Doubtless calculating that disunion
in the Liberal ranks will make it
worth their while fighting the govern-
ment all along the line. This
may be all very well from the stand-
point of party tactics, but the electors
of the constituency are not likely to
show any decided interest in these
whims there are considerations which
will carry weight with them.

Mr. Sifton has entered the field of
provincial politics under such circum-
stances that a constituency which re-
turns him to the Legislature by a de-
cisive vote will be doing itself no
small honor. The first need of the
province is stable government. That
Mr. Sifton was the only man who
could secure this has been evident for
some time. To avoid a continuance
of political anarchy, he made a very
large sacrifice in stepping down from a
position that was attractive to him
from every standpoint, by virtue of its
dignity and its permanency.

Of his qualifications for his new
post there can be no doubt. What
distinguished him on the bench most
of all was his strong, practical in-
stinct and the large reserve of com-
mon sense, from which he never hesi-
tated to draw. In the old territorial
administration he had an extended
political experience and showed him-
self a sane, progressive legislator and
a most successful administrator. He
knew the country and its needs thor-
oughly and the grip which he has up-
on all its problems will at all stages
be made clearly manifest. The pro-
vince and the party has obtained in
him a strong leader, one who can be
counted upon to make the most of
every opportunity in aiding the
expansion of Alberta along the lines
which tend to its permanent well-be-
ing. The Capital believes that it
knows the electors of Vermilion well
enough to venture the prediction that
they will return the premier by a very
large majority.

When Mr. Sifton met the request
of the Edmonton-Strathcona deputa-
tion in connection with the high-level
bridge project, so promptly and so
satisfactorily, the citizens to whom
this project meant so much must have
been aware that while the premier's
action was strongly commended here-
abouts, there were those who did not
view it in just this light. For in-
stance, "A Farmer" is reported to this
effect in an interview with the High
River Times:

"Report says that Premier Sifton
has given the people of Edmonton to
understand that he will see that \$175-
000 be passed in the estimates for the
high level bridge between Strathcona
and Edmonton. If such is true has
he not taken a great deal upon him-
self to make such a promise, particu-
larly when he has not a seat in the
House. For several years past the
farmers west of High River have been
petitioning the government for a
bridge to span Highwood River, west
of here, and nothing has been done.
At Cayley they are sadly in need of
roads and \$20,000 would complete the
work at both places, yet they receive
no attention. It looks to me as if the
Alberta government are determined
to give the rural districts the worst of
it every time, and I am getting dis-
gusted with the whole thing."

The record of the late administra-
tion does not bear out such a charge.
No part of this province suffered in
this connection. High River was in
the last Legislature represented by
the Conservative leader, Mr. Robert-
son, and he went on his way to the
wards the end of his term to express
his sense of the fairness with which

his constituency had been treated. It
is simply the fact that this aid was
being given to an Edmonton project,
quite proper as it was, that dictates
such an attack as the above.

The Times editor is long on inter-
views in his last issue. "A Young
Englishman" is thus reported:
"It makes me hot under the collar
to see the way things have been con-
ducted up at Edmonton. The resigna-
tion of Duthford was very ac-
ceptable, but the acceptance of Chief
Justice Sifton to form a cabinet was
absolutely wrong, and I am amazed
to think that the people of Alberta
have put up with it so mildly. Who is
Sifton that he should step in and fill
the position of premier of this pro-
vince? The electors have not de-
manded that he should be premier.
We have men more capable and trust-
worthy in the House today who can
fill the position with credit to
themselves and the province. Men
more interested in the welfare of the
province than Chief Justice Sifton.
The people of this province may be
long suffering, but I do not think they
will put up with any more monkey
work."

The interview goes on to enumerate
who these gentlemen are. Needless
to say, Mr. Cushing heads the list.
The people of the province have
had ample opportunity of sizing up
Mr. Cushing and Mr. Sifton and de-
spite the opinion of the Times' sub-
scriber, so forcefully expressed, we
are not at all surprised that the ex-
ecutive of Public Works being the
alternative choice for the premier-
ship, the Lieutenant-Governor's selection
is being taken with the marked
mildness above noted.

Between the two men, both as re-
gards their records and their qualifi-
cations for leadership, there is abso-
lutely no comparison. Mr. Sifton will
do Alberta all credit, as a man of
ability with his record for integrity
absolutely unchallenged. Mr. Cushing
was never strong in the former re-
spect, and in the latter his reputation
has of late received several rude jars.
No man can loftily decline to take no
of serious aspersions on his char-
acter without having it suffer.

What Others Say

IRRIGATION NEEDED IN THE SOUTH

(Lethbridge News)

The present is the kind of season
that compels us to look at the value
of irrigation in Southern Alberta.
To take off their hats and acknowledge
that the men who spent and are
spending millions on irrigation pro-
jects had a better knowledge of natu-
rally occurring vicissitudes to which the
country is subject occasionally than
they have been generally credited with.

WHERE MR. BENNETT WOULD SHINE

(London Advertiser)

Sir Robert Finlay will speak for two
weeks before the House of Commons
on behalf of Canada. The performance
would turn Dr. Sproule green with
envy if his Orange principles per-
mitted.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE BEARS

(Regina Leader)

Although the unjumble and un-
expected election of Brookings from
the game had much to do with the
poor showing of Walters' men in Al-
berta, the fact cannot be denied that
several games were lost through other
reasons. For one thing, the picking
staff does not shape up strong enough.
Frequently our fellows made plenty of
runs to win nine out of ten ordinary
games only to have the twirler blow
up near the finish. And then they
have been stealing too many bases on
McNitt, although he has been some-
what crippled, as, in fact, have nearly
all the boys. Walters is apparently
permanently ensconced at third,
where he is better hard work, so that
we need at least one good pitcher and
a short stop. But don't for a minute
think ball players can be picked up at
this time of the year for the asking.

A LITTLE AMBIGUOUS

The Ingrahams were entertaining
two friends at dinner. After Mr. In-
graham had helped them to roast beef,
he happened to glance at the other
end of the table where his wife sat,
and observed to his horror, that the
sugar-bowl was the old one, with
both handles broken off, that usually
graced the dining-table on wash-days.

In vain he endeavored, by mysteri-
ous nods and winks, to direct Mrs.
Ingraham's attention to it. She either
did not see or would not see the mis-
erated piece of queensware, and his
patience gave out at last.
"Cornelia," he said, with some
emphasis, "do you think we ought to
use a sugar-bowl when we have com-
pany without cars on?"

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OF SHIPWRECKDaughter of the Skipper Took
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The Men

KEPT UP THEIR SPIRITS

Though the Weakest in the Party.
She Kept Men From
Giving UpNoriolk, V., June 15.—With a thrill-
ing story of a long battle with a storm
swept sea the shipwrecked crew of
the sunken Philadelphia barkentine
Goodnews, accompanied by a ship of
a young girl as the heroine, has arrived
here on the British steamer Metis.

The girl is Miss Elizabeth Erickson,
daughter of Captain P. Erickson, com-
mander of the Goodnews. She sailed
with her father and a crew of 20
men with a cargo of cement from
Philadelphia on May 28, for Mobile.
On June 3 the Goodnews ran into a
violent gale off the Hatteras Cape,
and the barkentine sprang a leak,
which was so great that the ship with
its heavy cargo quickly foundered.
With no hope of saving the vessel,
the captain and crew quickly lowered
the small boats and while the storm
was at its worst, with the waves lash-
ing the dismantled rigging, Miss Er-
ickson was swung into the captain's
boat and lowered into the turbulent
sea.

For three days and nights the
young woman valiantly stood her turn
at the oars on the rubber with the men
of the crew. She was quartermaster
and steward of the captain's gig, ap-
portioning among the shipwrecked the
food and fresh water with which the
small craft had been provisioned.
Hastily. They were tossed and buffeted
on the gale-swept ocean for three
days, one second in the valley of
giant waves and the next dashing
through the chilly foam crest
of mountains ridges of sea.

Low clouds at times made the days
as dark as the nights, and while the
compasses were aboard there was
little conception of direction and the
forsaken mariners, with the young
woman to keep up their tiring spirits
steered for where they thought was
the nearest land.

But they were far from the coast
when the Metis sighted their im-
paired distress signals and bore down
on them. All were nearly exhausted
when lifted on board the steamer in
the open sea and it is not believed
they could have stood the strain
much longer.

While the captain and his men re-
mained here for the day, Miss Er-
ickson, who has been considerably re-
generated by her rest on the Metis,
started at once for her home in Bal-
timore.

AERIAL WARSHIPS
IN BIG CONTESTIt Will Be a Feature of the Avia-
tion Meet to Be Held at
Chicago

Chicago, June 15.—Besides the Chi-
cago-New York aeroplane contests,
arrangements for which are com-
ing to near completion, and the tourna-
ment to be held by the Illinois
Aero Club before the cross country
race, plans are under way looking
toward the holding of a tournament in
Chicago this fall for warships of the
air.

Tentative arrangements have been
made for having "war flyers" together
for exhibitions of manoeuvring and
"dropping," at the Argo track,
Sixty-third street and Forty-eighth
avenue.

It is proposed that a miniature fort
be constructed for the aviators to
"bombard," and a prize of \$500 for
the aviator dropping the most bombs
into this fort has been suggested.

A TRUE SOLDIER

The new reporter had written
"Among the prettiest girls at the
dance was Lieut. Loring." When
asked if he hadn't got his sexes mixed
he replied: "Certainly not! If you
think the lieutenant was anywhere
else than among the prettiest girls
you don't know him."—Utica Globe.

must place a deposit in the hands of
the stranger so as to show good
faith.

Going to a bank, Deveaux drew \$500
and had his son's savings withdrawn,
amounting in all to \$500, which they
turned over to the supposed philan-
thropists. This transaction occurred
while sitting on a bench in Parliament
Hall and in return for their money,
Deveaux received a small black box,
which was said to contain the \$500
for the church or hospital.

Worked a Crank

To show that there was really that
sum of money in the box, the crooks
worked a crank at the side and the
displayed a large number of \$10 bills
through an opening in the top.

Putting the money received from
Deveaux in an envelope, the crooks
put this in the box also and locked it
up. The whole thing was then handed
to the victims and they were told
not to open it for three days, at which
time they were to give it to the

church. For their trouble each was
to receive \$500.

After a big supper, at which wine
flowed freely, all being provided by
the strangers, the two farmers depen-
ded for their home.

Got Rude Surprise

They opened the box on Wednes-
day last and instead of finding their
own money and the \$500 for charity,
the farmers found a roll of paper
around which a lone \$10 bill was
wrapped. By turning the crank at the
side of the box, it looked as if there
were several hundred bills of this de-
nomination.

Instead of putting the money given
them by Deveaux in the box, the
strangers palmed this very cleverly
and as a result the father and son
were out their hard-earned cash.

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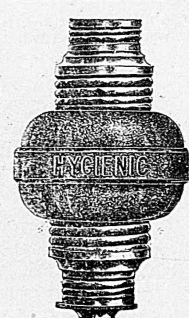
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WrestlingAL KAUFFMAN
AND JOHNSONThe Champion Has One First-
Class Sparring Partner—
Arena Rapidly Progressing

San Francisco, June 15.—Jack Johnson is in rare good humor now that he has a sparring partner worthy of his own progress with the gloves. Al Kauffman gave Johnson the fastest and most satisfactory workout on Thursday, that the negro has had since he began preparing for the big fight. From the outset Kauffman pressed Johnson closely, going after the negro in such a businesslike way that the champion found it necessary to unlimber much of his skill to withstand Kauffman's onslaughts.

Johnson was chiefly on the defensive throughout, "probably according to schedule" and his clever blocking won the plaudits of the large crowd that witnessed the mill.

Kauffman's work impressed Johnson so favorably that he predicted that Kauffman would win from Sam Langford, the Boston negro. Johnson is bitterly hostile to his fellow black, who is pining for a chance to try to wrest from Johnson the heavyweight championship, and it is reported that he intends to coach Kauffman there with an eye single to the overthrow of Langford. Following Thursday's work-out Johnson announced that he would place a bid of \$2500 on Kauffman to defeat the Bostonian. Lessons in clinching and in illustrating holds which Johnson has found valuable in past contests are being given Kauffman by the champion.

Work on the arena for the staging of the big fight is progressing rapidly. About one-eighth of the work has been done the contractors say, and by July 1, the great structure is expected to be entirely completed. With the exception of two rows of press seats at the ring side every seat in the theatre will be elevated.

There is said to be a possibility of the motion pictures of the fight being sold outright at a sum not less than \$2000. A representative of an eastern syndicate is expected to arrive here in a day or two when a spot-cash offer for the picture rights will be made.

BIG GAME SATURDAY

On Saturday evening two of the fastest teams outside of organized baseball, the Pendennis Hotel and the Wine Clerks of the city will meet in deadly combat. Harry Burridge will catch for the wine clerks, while Nat Bell is going around with a wise smile.

SIGNALS HINDER
STOLEN BASES

Ty Cobb Says More Sacks Would Be Purloined If Managers' Signal Weren't Necessary

Why don't we have as many stolen bases as in the golden days of baseball? is a question often asked of big league managers, but none has yet been given a satisfactory answer. Ty Cobb, the fleet base pilferer of the American League, believes he can give some explanation of the scarcity of stolen bases. Ty says that players are hampered by the intricate system of signals. Cobb says that a player in these days of highly developed inside baseball has to remember fifteen signals, and that when he gets on the paths he cannot steal until the manager gives the cheerful nod from the coaching lines or from the bench. "Tyus believes, or at least he says he does, that Billy Hamilton, a sweet swiper of the base, and Billy Sunday, the present evangelist, would never have purloined so many bases had they had to wait until the manager gave the hurry-up now signal."

Maybe Cobb is right. Maybe he isn't. Inside baseball has revolutionized the game, and it is supposed to be productive of more runs than the old go-as-you-please methods of the grand old days.

It is a well-known fact that runners generally avoid the manager's signal. Maybe if some of the flyers were let loose on the paths they would pilfer more bases.

Western Canada League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Calgary	24	9	.727
Medicine Hat	21	9	.700
Edmonton	20	10	.667
Winnipeg	17	13	.563
Lethbridge	13	17	.433
Brandon	12	20	.375
Moose Jaw	9	18	.333
Regina	9	19	.321

THE IRISH TIE
WHOLESALEIn a Six Innings Game Score Was
12-12—Irishmen Had Game
and Threw It Away

The City League baseball game between the Wholesalers and the Irish Canadians last evening at Taylor Park resulted in a tie game 12 all. The wearers of the green were in the lead right from the drop of the hat, but with a safe lead of five runs at the end of the fifth, allowed their opponents to go in and tie up the game.

On one hit the bays Wholesalers got five runs. That is probably the most valuable hit in the history of baseball, either ancient or modern.

Needless to say a number of bases on balls, wild pitches and passed balls were contributed in this stanza, with here and there an occasional error. The Irish were not equal to the task of keeping the tying run in the half of the sixth. The Irishmen were called the game as darkness was sweeping down, besides Gary was anxious to get up town to see how the Eskimos did with their offerings. Rogers pitched nine ball until the fifth, when he lost the location of the plate, entirely and was relieved by Pence. Foster started on the rubber for the Wholesalers and his opponent to defeat the Bostonian. Lessons in clinching and in illustrating holds which Johnson has found valuable in past contests are being given Kauffman by the champion.

Blayne of the Wholesalers played a very strong game in the field and also made his presence felt at the bat. Crabb also displayed superior hitting powers and came through with two safeties. Drayton was the Hans Wagner of the Irish team with two doubles to his credit. Every member of the Irish team had at least one hit while Garrison, Morrow and Rogers, had two apiece.

Special mention should be made of a catch by Morrison in centre field. It was one very reminiscent of our old ball player, Ole Olsen.

There is one thing certain, and that is we will never have a high class of amateur ball in this city until the team are provided with a suitable diamond. Taylor park is a work in progress only. It would be a daring player, indeed, that would hit the dust when he stands a good chance of plugging his body full of glass. Blayne of the Wholesalers took a wild leap into the coaching lines and that ended his ball playing for the evening.

It would not do the Edmonton Baseball Club any harm to allow the amateurs to use Diamond park while the Eskimos are away, and it would be a good idea to have a number of good players in their ranks, but they can only be developed by playing on the real diamond.

The next game is between the Y. M. C. A. and Norwood on Friday evening.

This is an attempt at an itemized series:

Irish-Canadians

	R.	H.	E.
McGill, 1b	1	1	0
Conway, 1b	1	2	0
Drayton, c.f.	2	1	0
Garrison, s.s.	2	1	0
Myrow, c.	2	1	0
Reid, r.f.	0	1	0
Barley, 3b	2	1	0
Gilroy, 2b	1	2	0
Rogers, p.	2	0	1
Pence, p.	2	0	0
Totals	12	14	5

Wholesalers

	R.	H.	E.
Dawson, 2b	2	1	1
Blayne, s.s.	3	2	0
Potter, p. and 2b	1	0	0
Crabb, 1b. and p.	2	2	0
Morrison, c.f.	0	0	0
Hardisty, 1b	0	0	0
Kirkness, r.f.	1	0	0
Helm, 1b	1	0	0
Have, 3b	0	0	0
Johnson, c.	2	1	0
Totals	12	5	1

Score by innings:
Wholesalers.....201 315-12
Irish-Canadian.....323 130-12

CALEDONIAN A. A.

A special meeting of the Caledonian Amateur Athletic Association will be held this evening in Piper's Hall, Mcleod street, at 8.30 p.m. The business is important and all members are requested to be present, especially intending competitors for the trial sports.

SLIM DELL WAS A WINNER,
ESKIMOS WON AGAIN 7-4Edmonton Gathered 12 Hits Which Will Win Pretty
Nearly Any Old Game.

Winnipeg, June 15.—Deacon White's speed boys made a light meal of the Maroons last evening, the score being 7 to 1. Incidentally, this was Edmonton's tenth successive win. Dell was in the box or the visitors and outside a little wildness, put them over the plate so fast that the Maroons were dazed. Five hits lonely his were the sum total of the home team's batting for the day. On the other hand, those hitting fops, the Eskimos, hit hard and often. Chesley was the leading swatman with three safeties. Mills, Spencer and Dell had two apiece. The few errors of the game were, first, Beer's late his fourth hit of the season (it will be rain today), and Moose Baxter went in a threadbare "hole the ball" that went to Harry Edmonds.

Moose singled in the first, taking third on Miller's double. Moose hit the infield and the Rubie was forced out at third. Pete and Baxter worked a double steal, the former scoring. Chesley singled, scoring Moose.

In the second hits by Quigley and Spencer scored a run. Dell got on with a safety which scored Spencer. Quigley's twoagener in the third, and Spencer's hit were good for another tally. The Eskimos brought another across the plate in the seventh while the Maroons pulled the white wash ball in the sixth, when Quigley's boot, a passed ball, a single and a sacrifice fly brought in a run.

Wilson started in the box for the home team, but was relieved in the third innings by Mr. Speiser.

FIELDING AVERAGES
FOR MONTH OF MAY

Issued From President's Office in
Lethbridge—Morse, Mills, Baxter, Spenser, Dellar Leaders

President Ekstrom of the Western Canada League has issued the following fielding averages of the different teams from May 5th to May 31st:

Spenser is the leading catcher of the league. In ten games he had 47 putouts and 17 assists, without the semblance of an error. Willard performed in the points for six games, brings up a double, with a percentage of .999.

Zimmerman of the Hat gets first place among the first basemen, but as he only figured in two games, he can be eliminated. Moose Baxter is the real leader with only one error in 100 chances, giving him a mark of .990.

Deacon White is third with two errors in 131 chances, and a percentage of .984.

Krueger of the Maroons leads the second basemen and Schuetz of Edmonton with eleven slips in 47 chances is last. As Quigley did not join the Eskimos until June, he does not figure in this list.

Pete Morse is the best shortstop in the league though some men who played two games for Winnipeg, gave first place. Pete played in 22 games in May and handled 105 chances with five errors. His percentage is .954.

Tuplett of Moose Jaw with 1000 percentage was the leading third baseman for May. Johnny Brand stands fifth in thirteen with figures of games, 18, putouts 43, assists 29 and eleven errors. Percentage .867.

Edmonds had no regular right fielder or in May, Gouchie, and Burridge filling the bill on different occasions. Poor stood fifth with .954, while Burridge was last with .555 percentage.

Dudley of Lethbridge with a perfect average, the leading centre fielder. Olsen is second with one error in 39 chances, an average of .974. Ward is eighth with .953. Lussli is tenth with .909.

Skeels, Moose Jaw, leads the left fielders with a perfect average. Tied for first are Skeels, Piper, Mills (Edmonton), Dunn, Huber, all with averages of .1000. Mills played in 22 games, had 38 putouts and three assists without an error.

None of our pitchers have perfect fielding averages, but Dellar, with five wins in May had a little on Spenser of Winnipeg, who had scored baskets on four occasions. Since the averages were compiled Dellar has gone steady.

Story of a happy day follows:
Edmonton

AB. R. H. P. O. A. E.

1st-ag Papola	1	0	0	1	1	0
Morse, s.s.	3	1	1	1	0	0
Mills, 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0
Baxter, 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0
Cox, r.f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lussli, 3b	4	1	0	0	0	0
Quigley, 2b	4	2	1	1	1	0
Spencer, c.	4	1	2	1	0	0
Dretchko, c.f.	2	0	2	0	0	0
Dell, p.	3	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	7	12	21	5	1

Winnipeg

AB. R. H. P. O. A. E.

Piper, 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Krueger, 2b	3	0	1	0	2	0
Leahy, c.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bour, 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Isbell, r.f.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Holmes, 3b	2	0	0	2	0	0
Edmonds, c.	2	1	0	0	4	0
Wilson, p.	3	0	1	1	3	0
Speiser, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	4	5	21	11	0

Score by innings:

Edmonton.....201 010-7
Winnipeg.....000 000-4

Summary—Two-base hits, Mills, Quigley and Dretchko; stolen bases, Lussli, Quigley and Spencer; sacrifice hits, Dretchko; sacrifice fly, Speiser; hits off Wilson 6 in 2 innings; off Speiser 6 in 5 innings; bases on balls, off Wilson 1, Dell 4; struck out, by Dell 4; wild pitch, Wilson; Speiser and Dell; hit by pitcher, Isbell; time, 1:45; umpire, Smith.

JACK JOHNSON
LIKES CHICKEN

Eats an Average of Four a Day—
Othah Cullud Gentlemen in
camp Dispose of Few

Many fans have claimed that the Jeffries-Johnson mill would never take place. As if in support of this theory, the following item appeared in the Toronto Telegram last evening:

"Private information from the coast received in a letter here today states that the calling-off of the fight between Johnson and Jeffries is not only probable, but almost certain—provided the information is correct, and the source is good. The news conveyed is that an operation on Johnson must be performed, and it will throw him out of training, which, with the fight only a month away, means the abandonment of the fight."

If the following report is true, it is easy to believe that a operation is needed:

"Jack Johnson's food bill will figure prominently in his training expenses."

"Two weeks ago George Little, his manager, bought 200 choice Plymouth Rocks. That kind cost about \$1 in Frisco. There are 20 of the birds left. A new assignment will probably be ordered today."

"And that isn't all. About the same time that 200 Plymouth Rocks hit camp 25 dozen squabs were brought in. Not a squab is left. Johnson eats an average of four chickens a day, and goodness knows how many squabs. Of course, there are a few 'chick cullud gentlemen' in his camp, and they have a natural taste which runs in the same direction. John weighs 217 pounds, and is considered light."

HIBERNIANS VS. CALLIES B.

The above teams will meet in a friendly game on the Exhibition grounds this evening. Game called for 7.15. The players of both Callies and Hibernians are requested to turn out also the different selection committees in order that the different teams for next weeks games can be picked out.

Western Canada League.

R. H. E.

Calgary	020	002	1	0
Brandon	000	000	0	3
Standeridge and Stanley	000	000	0	3
Copple and Smith	000	000	0	3
Lethbridge-Moose Jaw	000	000	0	3
Regina-Medicine Hat	000	000	0	3

SCORES IN THE
MAJOR LEAGUESCubs Take Another From Giants
—Pirates Badly Beaten—Es-
kimos Gain on Hatters

National League.

R. H. E.

Philadelphia	320	000	40	9	18	1
Pittsburg	000	002	011	4	7	5
St. Louis	000	000	000	0	0	0
Cincinnati	000	000	000	0	0	0
Cleveland	000	000	000	0	0	0
Boston	000	000	000	0	0	0
New York	000	000	000	0	0	0
Chicago	000	000	000	0	0	0
St. Louis	000	000	000	0	0	0
Brooklyn	000	000	000	0	0	0
St. Louis	000	000	000	0	0	0
Rucker and Brer:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Phelps and Bresnan.	000	000	000	0	0	0

National League Standing

Won. Lost. Pct.

Chicago	30	15	.667
New York	28	19	.596
Pittsburg	32	20	.535
Cincinnati	24	20	.545
St. Louis	22	25	.468
Brooklyn	20	27	.426
Philadelphia	18	25	.419
Boston	17	31	.354

American League

R. H. E.

St. Louis	010	010	000	2	8	2
Philadelphia	300	020	110	7	12	2
Perry, Graham and Allen:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Cleveland	000	000	000	0	0	0
St. Louis	010	000	000	0	0	0
Called, darkness. Falkenbridge, Woods and Bemis; Hall, Arrellanes and Carrigan.	000	000	000	0	0	0

American League Standing

Won. Lost. Pct.

New York	28	13	.683
Philadelphia	30	14	.682
Detroit	31	18	.633
Boston	23	21	.523
Cleveland	17	21	.447
Washington	21	27	.438
Chicago	16	26	.381
St. Louis	9	35	.205

Eastern League

R. H. E.

Jersey City	100	001	107	3	10	1
Newark	000	000	000	0	4	1
Perry and Butler	000	000	000	0	0	0
Crisp	000	000	000	0	0	0
Rochester	000	002	001	3	11	4
Buffalo	001	010	000	2	6	0
McConnell and Blair:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Williams	000	000	000	0	0	0
Providence	100	000	001	6	1	1
Atkins and Egan:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Toronto	000	020	001	3	7	2
Montreal	011	021	001	6	13	3
Toronto, Smith, Carroll and McAlister:	000	000	000	0	0	0

Eastern League Standing

Won. Lost. P.C.

Newark	29	20	.592
Rochester	26	19	.578
Toronto	27	29	.524
Providence	21	18	.538
Baltimore	22	23	.489
Buffalo	18	22	.450
Jersey City	14	27	.341
Montreal	15	23	.375

American Association.

R. H. E.

Columbus	000	021	000	1	6	0
Minneapolis	000	003	120	8	12	1
Sutton, Liebert and Carlisch:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Smith	000	000	000	0	0	0
Toledo	121	220	000	8	15	4
Midwaukee	000	000	104	5	10	3
Owen and Abbott:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Ludwig	000	000	000	0	0	0
Indianapolis	000	000	000	0	0	0
C. City	010	010	000	0	2	6
Cheney and Higgins:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Drum and James	000	001	000	0	2	6
Louisville	000	001	000	0	2	6
Halla and Hughes:	000	000	000	0	0	0
Leary and Spenser	000	000	000	0	0	0

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FARMERS CHEATED BY DOUBLE WEIGHT SYSTEM

According to the Testimony of William Noble, of Oxbow, Before the
Saskatchewan Elevator Commission.

At the sitting of the Saskatchewan Elevator Commission in Regina last week some sensational evidence as to the abuses which he believed existed under the present system was rendered by William Noble of Oxbow.

The chief abuses were in unjust dockage and unjust grading of grain. He could give specific instances

where this had been practised by line companies and he believed that these conditions were fairly general all over the country, in fact, in nearly all places where the farmers had not caught on to the mode of cheating them.

The specific instances which he cited were in the cases of the Dominion and Northern Elevators at Oxbow. Five years ago he had been appointed agent of the Dominion elevator at that station and it was pointed out to him that besides the weight on the scales which indicate the number of pounds of grain in a load there was another one concealed underneath which indicated the weight of a bushel of grain. There was also a trick of exerting pressure on the wagon by concealed methods so that about a half bushel of grain was lost by the farmer.

In getting instructions on taking charge of the elevator he had been told to use these means to decrease the weight of the grain by the agent of the company, and on his refusal to do this he had received a letter from the company asking him to resign, which he accordingly did. But while he was in charge he noted that on weighing 35,000 bushels of grain, which was the amount stored there on his taking over the control of the elevator, there was 800 bushels of a surplus above what had been credited to the farmers who brought it in.

As to the unjust grading he stated that he had been accustomed to the handling of grain for over about a year and considered that he was able to tell one grade of wheat from another. This year he had sent a load of wheat to the elevator at Oxbow, which he was sure was of good enough quality to grade No. 1 Northern. But at the elevator his son, who took the load to the elevator he was informed by the operator that he had instructions from the company not to accept wheat of any higher grade than No. 2 Northern, and as all the other elevators were doing the same thing he was forced to see the wheat at the lower grade, and thus lost one grade in the wheat. He had had the same experience year after year and had found that whenever those who decided the grade of the wheat had an axe to grind the farmers were the losers by unjust grading. He referred to instances where wheat graded by the government inspector had, he was certain, been unjustly graded.

Prof. McGill—Do you believe then that Mr. Horn, the inspector, has an axe to grind?

Mr. Noble—No, I would not say that, but I believe that many cars are passed by the inspection department without being properly examined. He mentioned one instance that led him to this opinion. A neighbor of his had shipped a carload of wheat, and it was classed one grade lower than he was confident he should have received. Thereupon he determined to get even with the inspection department, and he made up a car in which the good wheat was mixed liberally with smutty wheat, and this carload was classed as No. 1 Northern. It was such cases as this that made him think that wheat was being classed unjustly.

Prof. McGill—Do you not think that two men may conscientiously differ in the classification of a lot of wheat?

Mr. Noble—They might; a little. But there should not be much difference where the examiners are competent judges.

He believed that these conditions were general throughout the country and that there was very little improvement at the present time over the conditions that prevailed ten years ago. It was his opinion that it would be of immense benefit to the farmers if they could secure the opportunity to clean and grade their own wheat. Mr. Noble was then examined as to his idea of what should be done to remedy these conditions.

He stated that what he would like to see was a system of elevators owned by the provincial government. He did not believe in the creation of a government monopoly, but thought that these elevators should be run in competition to the line elevators and their object would be to compel the line elevators to give the farmers fair treatment. An elevator might be built in a given district on an application signed by 60 per cent. of the farmers tributary to that district, and

he did not think that any guarantee should be required from the farmers that they would patronize the government elevator. The management of the system should be in the hands of an independent commission, the members of which should be nominated by the Grain Growers' Association. The government if they desired might protest against a certain commissioner, giving the reason for so doing, but the final appointment should rest with the Grain Growers, the idea in this being to make the commission absolutely independent of politics. As to the operators, he believed that they should be operated by means of competitive examinations and should be a part of the civil service.

Asked if he thought that the operators should be appointed for the whole year or for the period in which grain was received only, Mr. Noble said that he thought that they should only be employed on this work for the six to nine months that they were needed. He could, however, do this he had received a letter from the commission how they might be employed for the remaining months of the year. This was, however, no part of his present concern.

As to the financial hearing of the scheme it was brought out that an elevator such as would be required in most districts capable of storing 60,000 bushels of wheat would cost about \$15,000. This had been found to be the cost by farmers in connection with elevators in the past and no doubt the government might be able to get them built at a cheaper rate on account of buying such an immense amount of material. There are at present about 100 shipping points in the province which number was continually increasing, but taking this as a basis for calculation and supposing that elevators could be built at each point, this would mean an expenditure of \$1,500,000 on the scheme. As to the raising of this money for financing the scheme, Mr. Noble thought that this should be the function of the government, but that the amount to be expended should be determined by the commission.

Prof. McGill—Suppose the elevators did not pay. How would you take provision for the making up of the deficit, which would amount to the difference between the cost of the elevators and the interest on the sum invested?

Mr. Noble—The storage of 100,000 bushels on an elevator would make it pay, and I do not think that there would be any deficit.

Prof. McGill—But a clause would have to be inserted in any legislation which might be passed to provide for this contingency.

Mr. Noble—If the system didn't pay the government would eventually have to provide for the deficit.

Prof. McGill—The Manitoba bill has a clause asking for a guarantee from the farmers that they will support the government elevator.

Mr. Noble—I do not believe in asking the farmers to guarantee that they will use these elevators.

Prof. McGill—I understand that in the bylaws of your Elevator Company at Oxbow there is a penalty clause which requires the farmers shipping grain through another elevator to pay a penalty of 15¢ cents.

Mr. Noble—Yes, I drafted those by-laws some three years ago, but since then I have changed my mind in regard to this subject.

Prof. McGill—What are your reasons for inserting this clause?

Mr. Noble—Because I felt certain that the line elevators would cut their storage rates when the Farmers' Elevator commenced operations.

Prof. McGill—You were afraid that the farmers would not be loyal?

Mr. Noble—No, it was not that. As a matter of fact only about a half dozen farmers out of some seventy who began to succeed to patronize the Farmers' Elevator.

Prof. McGill—Has the elevator paid the last three years?

Mr. Noble—It has every year unless it is this year, for which the report has not yet been received.

Mr. Noble was then examined by Mr. Langley and Mr. Green, the other members of the Commission. Mr. Green asked whether he thought that a commission appointed by the Grain Growers the farmers would get any better satisfaction than they would if the elevators were managed by the government, which is appointed by the people.

Mr. Noble replied that he felt certain that they would.

The next man examined by the Commission was W. D. Mooney of Grand Coulee.

Mr. Mooney was not entirely in favor of the government ownership idea, believing that under the Manitoba Grain Act now in force in this province the farmer had a remedy for most of the evils complained of if they would only use them. Mr. Mooney was still under examination when the Commission adjourned.

Mr. Noble asked the protection accorded a witness in a court of law, before giving evidence.

FARMERS TO MEET SIR WILFRID LAURIER

And Urge Upon Him the Early Establishment of Chilled Meat Industry.

A meeting of the Edmonton Union of the United Farmers of Alberta was held in the City Hall on Saturday last the 11th inst., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a communication from President Hower re his visit to B. C. to look up a market, was read and discussed.

The question of binder twine was brought forward, and quotations from various firms were gone into. It was however decided to canvas the members as to their requirements and if no better price could be obtained to give Ross Bros. the business at 9¢ per pound for Plymouth brand 550.

The urgent necessity for some tangible form of assistance on the part of the Federal government towards establishing a meat export trade between the western provinces and Great Britain was keenly discussed and the following resolution was adopted for presentation to Sir Wilfrid Laurier when in the city early in August:

"Whereas, The question of a steady and profitable outlet for live stock is one of the most important and vital matters for pressing consideration at the hands of the Government.

And whereas, The farmers of the west are not working for posterity, but for the immediate wants of themselves and families, they will therefore of necessity be compelled to devote the bulk of their time and labor to the production of grain for export so long as the live stock industry is on the present unsatisfactory basis.

And whereas, This compulsory neglect of live stock will soon begin to tell a tale even in this fertile west, in impoverished soil and diminished yields, farms full of weeds, and doubtless largely abandoned.

And whereas, The live stock industry of the country will make no

headway until it is made worth the farmers' while to produce and finish more and better stock.

And whereas, No steadiness with regard to prices, sufficient to warrant the farmers going into the business of producing and finishing with anything approaching animation, is at all possible without a modern and continuous system of meat exporting.

And whereas, This country has clearly shown how admirably adapted it is for the production and finishing of all kinds of meat animals, animals which, if slaughtered, handled, transported, and place upon the English market in a scientific and modern manner, would command a high price, and their production furnish a very paying proposition to the farmers, and prove immensely beneficial in the building up of real and permanent development of agriculture throughout the whole country.

And whereas, With a stable and profitable market, such as the chilled meat export trade would give, thousands of meat animals would be produced and properly finished where not one is forthcoming today, and Canada would rapidly take her proper place as a meat producing and meat exporting country.

And whereas, The inauguration of this industry under government control, and established on a healthy and

durable foundation, would give the necessary confidence to produce and finish, would stimulate the production of all kinds of stock, and meat exports would very speedily become one of the Dominion's most valuable assets.

Be it Resolved, That the government be urgently requested to either erect the necessary works and operate this modern and up-to-date method of exporting our meat animals, or assist in some practical way towards establishing the industry under government control and with the interests of the producer safeguarded.

Further, That a deputation wait upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier when in Edmonton, and in presenting this resolution endeavor to make clear to the Prime Minister the great and pressing need that exists towards hastening the establishment of this much needed industry, and that representatives from as many of the local unions as possible be asked to join the deputation.

It was further resolved that Messrs. Clare, Burnell, Wilson and Candy (with power to add to their number), be appointed the deputation, in conjunction with the representatives from the other unions, to present this resolution to the Prime Minister.

It was also resolved that the necessity for government ownership of terminal elevators be strongly brought to the notice of Sir Wilfrid.

FRANCIS C. CLARE,
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